

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 409th Meeting of the Council, Los Angeles, December 11, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum in Conference Room No. 2 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, December 11, 1954.

Roll Call:

Present were President Morrison, President-elect Shipman, Secretary Daniels, Speaker Charnock, Vice-Speaker Bailey and Councilors West, Wheeler, Loos, Sampson, Pearman, Randel, Ray, Sherman, Lum, Bostick, Teall, Frees, Carey, Kirchner, Reynolds, Varden and Heron.

Absent for cause, Editor Wilbur.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation during all or a part of the meeting were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Gillette and Clancy of C.M.A. staff; legal counsel Howard Hassard; county society executive secretaries Bannister of Orange, Donovan of Santa Clara, Foster of Sacramento, Geisert of Kern, Jensen of Fresno, Nute of San Diego, Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Thompson of San Joaquin, Young of Los Angeles, and Robert Marvin of Riverside; Jerry L. Pettis of Los Angeles and Robert Williams of Orange County; Messrs. Ben H. Read and Eugene Salisbury of the Public Health League of California; Mr. K. L. Hamman of California Physicians' Service; Drs. H. L. Gartshore, Mathew Ross, James C. Doyle, J. Lafe Ludwig, J. Norman O'Neill, Murray Hunter Brown and Eugene F. Hoffman.

1. Minutes for Approval:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 408th meeting of the Council, held October 3, 1954, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 245th meeting of the Executive Committee, held November 17, 1954, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of December 9, 1954, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, nine applicants were elected to Retired Membership. These were:

O. O. T. McAllister, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Hugh W. Bell, Kern County; George Martyn, Marie A. Vachout, Los Angeles County; William L. Garth, San Diego County; Lionel Player, Harry P. Robarts, Francis Williams, San Francisco County; Paul T. Quarry, Sonoma County.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 21 applicants were elected to Associate Membership. These were:

Leo J. Butler, Grace M. Hyde, Alameda-Contra Costa County; H. W. Bissonette, Richard V. Freeman, Lorna M. Forbes, Edmund B. Hardin, Leroy Hyde, Robert M. Lipschutz, Stefan P. Wilk, Los Angeles County; Loyd W. Bond, Paul W. Embree, Madera County; Isabella Clinton, Napa County; Bruce M. Summers, Riverside County; George A. Gross,

ARLO A. MORRISON President
SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D. President-Elect
DONALD A. CHARNOCK, M.D. Speaker
WILBUR BAILEY, M.D. Vice-Speaker
DONALD D. LUM, M.D. Council Chairman
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Norris R. Jones, John Pennington, George G. Snively, Charles M. Webster, Sacramento County; William B. Beach, Jr., N. L. Petrakis, Richard D. Walter, San Francisco County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, reductions of dues were voted for 13 applicants for reasons of illness or postgraduate study.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, 58 members whose memberships had become delinquent, were voted reinstatement on payment of their dues.

(f) Report was made on an appeal received from a San Francisco member who was expelled from membership following hearing of charges of unprofessional conduct.

On nomination duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Dr. T. Eric Reynolds as a conciliator in this case.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hear the appeal during the next meeting of the Council to be held in San Francisco on Saturday, February 5, 1955, at 2:00 p.m.

3. *Financial:*

(a) A report of bank balances as of December 9, 1954, was received and ordered filed.

(b) A report of receipts and expenditures for November and for the five months ended November 30, 1954, was received and ordered filed.

4. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, State Director of Public Health, reported that state legislation will be needed to make state hospital construction fund laws coincide with amendments adopted by Congress to the federal Hill-Burton law. Legal counsel Hassard is reviewing state law amendments prepared by the Attorney General's office.

Dr. Merrill reported that the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers had voted to request that polio vaccine be confined by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to use in first and second grade children and that pregnant women not be considered as additional recipients of the prospective 9,000,000 units. He also stated that the State Department of Public Health had been assigned to a study of the factors surrounding smog conditions. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council recognizes that smog may constitute a serious health problem and for that reason the Council will lend assistance to any official agencies investigating the problem.

5. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

Discussion was held on a proposal of the State Department of Mental Hygiene for the establishment throughout the state of mental hygiene clinics. On motion duly made and seconded, this subject was

voted referred to the Executive Committee for further study.

6. *Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies:*

Dr. Francis E. West, chairman of the Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies, reported that there are various problems concerning the use and distribution of gamma globulin and polio vaccine, discussion of which will come before a later meeting.

7. *Public Relations:*

(a) Ed Clancy reported that more than 1,000,000 pieces of literature produced by the Public Relations Department had been ordered by member physicians for distribution to their patients. In addition, more than 7,000 members have ordered a desk or wall plaque which invites a frank discussion of medical fees and services.

(b) A request from the San Francisco Medical Society for the appropriation of \$865 for production of a television film was discussed. It was pointed out that a similar request for funds from another county society had been denied a year earlier. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to table the request pending the establishment of a policy to cover matters of this type.

8. *Conference on Physicians and Schools:*

Secretary Daniels reported on the success of the first Conference on Physicians and Schools, held in Fresno, November 11-12. He presented a series of recommendations adopted by the conference. The Council acted on these recommendations as follows:

(a) Moved, seconded and voted to approve a recommendation that the Association recommend to all Boards of Education periodical health examinations, including chest x-rays and pertinent laboratory work, for all school personnel, certificated or not and regardless of tenure status.

(b) Referred to the Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies a recommendation for development in general hospitals of preventive medical services for indigents.

(c) Referred to the same committee a proposed recommendation by the Association to the Joint Committee of the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Education for the formulation of guides for the suggested development of local health policies and standing orders to be followed in emergency care.

(d) Approved the establishment of school health committees in the county societies; to work with others in solving problems of school health; referred to the Executive Committee the question of employing staff representatives for this purpose.

(e) Approved a request to the State Superinten-

dent of Public Instruction that two groups of school principals make the school health program their theme for 1955 meetings.

(f) Approved formation of a State Advisory School Health Council, with representation from other groups.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to commend Dr. Daniels and Mr. Robert Thomas for having arranged and carried through an outstandingly successful conference.

9. *Rollen Waterson Associates:*

Mr. Waterson suggested that a special meeting of the House of Delegates, which had been urged as a means of discussing health insurance problems, was probably not needed at this time. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted not to schedule such a meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that Rollen Waterson Associates be instructed to aid and counsel each county society in which pressure and urgency exist and which requests such counsel in discussing the \$4,200-\$6,000 income ceiling and fee schedule, to the end that such counties may better resolve their problems, and that this be one of their major activities.

Mr. Waterson also commented on the current findings in a survey which seeks to determine possible causes for patient dissatisfaction with physicians.

10. *Committee on Mental Health:*

Dr. H. L. Gartshore, chairman of the special Committee on Mental Health, reviewed the committee's report, stated that psychiatrists and clinical psychologists at the national level have suggested that no new legislation in the field of licensing or registering psychologists be undertaken by either group at this time, and suggested that a committee similar to the current committee be continued for purposes of discussion of this subject with the psychologists.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to commend Dr. Gartshore and his committee for an excellent study and report.

11. *California Physicians' Service:*

Mr. K. L. Hamman reported that the C.P.S. membership is now more than 660,000 members and the physician membership more than 12,000. He stated that in the first ten months of 1954, a total of 271,000 members had been enrolled and that annual revenues from the nonveteran program is running at the rate of \$25,000,000 annually. He also reported that the average hospital stay has risen from six to seven days in the past year. The indemnity insurance company is ready to do business, he said, and has received one request from a county society to issue contracts. The administrative expense of C.P.S. is now 11.9 per cent of dues received.

12. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that several proposed changes in the Medical Practice Act are contemplated in bills to be proposed by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Mr. Hassard also reported on proposed federal legislation relating to payments by states for the education of medical, dental and veterinary medical students in schools operated by other states. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to go on record as favoring the purpose of this legislation but to defer action on it until a more thorough study of the school facilities can be made.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to favor the purpose of state legislation proposed by registered nurses to clarify present regulations governing physical therapy.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to express the view that there is no present need for the establishment of a new licensing system to cover naturopaths.

13. *Medical Services Commission:*

Dr. Hollis L. Carey, chairman of the Medical Services Commission, introduced Dr. Frank J. Cox, who reported on the progress in a statewide relative value fee study. The fee subcommittee has retained Mr. Ralph Nelson as an actuary to assist in evaluating the study returns and has sought the further assistance of Frank Dickinson, Ph.D., director of the A.M.A. Bureau of Medical Economic Research. Dr. Dickinson spoke briefly on the further work needed to make the relative value fee study of value to all physicians.

Dr. Cox estimated that an additional \$10,000 would be needed to carry on the additional studies, and on motion duly made and seconded, by more than a three-fourths vote of all voting members, it was voted to appropriate an additional \$10,000 for this purpose.

14. *Annual Secretarial Conference:*

Secretary Daniels suggested that invitations to the annual Secretarial Conference be sent to all county society presidents and secretaries, to chairmen of medical services committees and to the presidents and secretaries of the branches of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. This suggestion was approved by the Council and the date of February 6, 1955, or January 30, 1955, was set for this conference.

15. *Sympathy to Mrs. J. Frank Doughty:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to express to Mrs. J. Frank Doughty the sympathy of the officers and Councilors in the death of her husband.

16. *Alternate Delegate to American Medical Association:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to elect Dr. Sidney J. Shipman as Alternate to Dr. Dwight L. Wilbur, Delegate to the A.M.A. This appointment will run for the calendar year 1955 and the office, to succeed the late J. Frank Doughty, will be set for election at the 1955 Annual Session.

17. *Crippled Children's Program:*

Dr. Hartzell Ray gave a progress report on meetings held with the State Department of Public Health and with osteopathic representatives for the discussion of possible recognition of osteopathic specialists in the treatment of crippled children's cases.

18. *Advisory Planning Committee:*

Mr. Hunton reported on the meeting a day earlier of the Advisory Planning Committee and requested the Council to name Mr. Robert Marvin of Riverside County and Mrs. Olive Neick of San Francisco as new members of the committee. On motion duly made and seconded, these appointments were approved.

19. *Foreign Tours:*

Mr. Hunton reported on three requests from travel companies or agencies for C.M.A. approval of proposed foreign tours. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to disapprove all such requests.

20. *Medical School Activities:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Executive Committee several problems revolving around the private practice of medicine in publicly-supported medical schools and facilities.

21. *Osteopathy:*

A letter from Dr. Wayne Pollock, giving a progress report on meetings of his special committee with a similar committee of osteopaths on the subject of amalgamation, was read and ordered filed.

22. *Committee on Rural Health:*

Dr. Henry A. Randel, chairman of the Committee on Rural Health, reported on the Rural Health Conference planned for Fresno in February, stated that his committee was working with the statewide Rural Health Council and that the success of the conference would depend in large measure on the participation of physicians.

23. *Standing and Special Committees:*

Dr. Daniels commented on the need for revising policies in effect relating to standing and special committees and asked that this subject be taken up at a later meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., *Secretary*

Executive Committee Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 246th Meeting of the Executive Committee, Los Angeles, December 11, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heron in Conference Room No. 2 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, at 5:15 p.m., Saturday, December 11, 1954.

Roll Call:

Present were President Morrison, President-elect Shipman, Speaker Charnock, Council Chairman Lum, Auditing Committee Chairman Heron and Secretary Daniels. Absent for cause, Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Thomas and Clancy of C.M.A. staff; legal counsel Hassard; Mr. Ben H. Read of the Public Health League of California; Rollen Waterson, health insurance consultant; and Drs. Murray Hunter Brown, J. Philip Sampson, Frederick G. Kirby and M. M. Horner.

1. *California Tuberculosis Association:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to support in principle the furnishing of adult educational facilities in tuberculosis sanatoria, subject

to the furnishing of a copy of proposed legislation to the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation before final approval is given.

2. *Physicians' Benevolence Fund:*

Mr. Hassard presented for signatures the articles of incorporation of Physicians' Benevolence Corp., a California nonprofit corporation organized for charitable purposes. This corporation will take over the functions of the present Physicians' Benevolence Committee and will make possible the elimination of certain taxes.

3. *Insurance Representatives:*

Discussion was held on a request for a meeting with Association officials received from representatives of several insurance companies in the accident and health insurance field. It was agreed that such a meeting should be held at a later date.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

IVAN C. HERON, M.D., *Chairman*

ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., *Secretary*